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**Weaver Launches New IT Advisory Service:
Payment Card Industry Data Security Assessments
Certifications Earned from PCI Security Standards Council**

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, Texas (April 9, 2015) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, recently launched a new [IT advisory service](#) that provides payment card industry (PCI) data security assessments.

Brian Thomas, CISA, CISSP and partner; and Brittany George, CISA and senior manager, both in Weaver's IT advisory services, have met the necessary requirements to earn the Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) certification from the PCI Security Standards Council. This achievement positions Weaver as one of the few select accounting firms to offer this level of certification as a QSA company.

QSA companies are organizations that have been qualified by the Council to have their employees assess compliance with the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). Qualified security assessors are employees of these organizations who have been certified by the Council to validate an entity's adherence to the PCI DSS.

"We bring a different level of service to our clients with this specialized certification," said Thomas. "Because of our roots as an audit firm, we approach payment card security from a different angle, offering our clients a more in-depth service offering."

"This is just another example of how we are looking to bring a complete offering of IT advisory services to our customers," said Tommy D. Lawler, Weaver's managing partner and CEO. "We pride ourselves as a firm on meeting the varied needs of our clients. We are already engaged with one client that is benefitting from this certification."



Thomas has more than 15 years of experience in management consulting and risk advisory services. With experience managing teams delivering IT-focused services such as SOC reporting, information security assessments, IT audits, IT governance and project management services, he brings diverse knowledge and technical skills to his clients. His responsibilities currently include the management and development of Weaver's IT advisory practice, and he is involved in all aspects of the business.



George is a senior manager in Weaver's IT advisory services practice. Brittany has more than 11 years of experience in IT auditing and consulting services. She performs security assessments, SOC 2 services, IT audit and process improvement consulting services across numerous industries.

About Weaver

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has 500+ employees and operates in 10 cities across the United States. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 38th largest firm in the United States and a 'Best of the Best firm for 2014' by *INSIDE Public Accounting*.

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